GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:13
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2000
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL POLICY
BIR SING MAHATO;PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have examined the Natinal Agricultural Policy in depth;

(b) if so, the salient features of the policy and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) the areas where Government propose to seriously implement the policy recommendations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.13 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20T NOVEMBER, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) to (c): The National Agriculture Policy was laid on the Table of Lok Sabha on 28th July, 2000.

The Policy seeks to promote sustainable and demand driven growth of agriculture, based on efficient use of natural resources, to face the challenges confronting Indian agriculture today. To achieve the stated objectives, the Policy has indicated a nine-fold package of policy initiatives for development of sustainable agriculture, food and nutritional security, generation and transfer of technology, improving management of inputs, providing incentives for agriculture, promoting investments in agriculture, strengthening institutional structure to channelise the energies of small and marginal farmers, ensuring better risk management and introducing management reforms.

Several recommendations of the National Agriculture Policy are already under implementation. It has been decided to prepare an Action Plan, in consultation with all concerned, for effective implementation of National Agriculture Policy. An Inter-Departmental Committee has been constituted in the Ministry of Agriculture to coordinate and achieve necessary networking in the preparation of Action Plan. The Committee had been asked to submit an Actional Plan by December, 2000.

The Government are serious about implementing all the recommendations contained in the National Agriculture Policy.